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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 235117

1. DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH POLITICAL OFFICER NKOMBA IN
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. GOM HAS NOT FOCUSED ON QUESTION AS YET BUT
NKOMBA EXPRESSED OPINION GOM UNLIKELY TO CHANGE POSITION
TAKEN AT 18TH GC WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WAS POSITIVE.

2. COMMENT: CHECKED WITH ISRAELI CHARGE AS TO WHAT HE MAY
HAVE DONE RE SUBJECT. HE SEEMED QUITE RELAXED AND SAID
NOTHING AS YET, BUT SUPPOSES HE WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE GC BEGINS.

3. NOTING YOUR COMMENT THAT AFRICA IS A CRITICAL TARGET
AREA WOULD OFFER SUGGESTION THAT ISRAEL, IN AFTERGLOW OF
TRIUMPHAL ENTEBBE EXERCISE, MIGHT POSSIBLY EASE CERTAIN
AMOUNT RACIAL FEELING CREATED BY THIS EXERCISE BY OFFERING
COMPENSATION TO FAMILIES OF INNOCENT AFRICANS KILLED.
PRESUME THERE WERE SOME SUCH CASUALTIES, CERTAINLY WIDOWS
AND CHILDREN OF RADAR OPERATORS IF REPORTS THEY WERE
EXECUTED ARE TRUE. I THINK SOME SUCH GESTURE COULD HELP
IN BLACK AFRICA AND WOULD COST ISRAEL LITTLE IN RELATIVE
TERMS.

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